

## SENATE RESOLUTION 6

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A RESOLUTION honoring Officer Clayton Cates of the Franklin Police Department upon his receipt of the 2010 Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, Officer Clayton Cates of the Franklin Police Department is one such courageous public servant who was recently recognized by the United States Attorney's Office as a recipient of the 2010 Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the award was given to Officer Cates, a member of the Franklin Police Department's Operations Division, in recognition of his actions in September of 2009, when he and Officer Lance Tippit pulled over a vehicle, whereupon they found the man driving was in possession of body armor, a weapon and ammunition, a ski mask, and nearly two pounds of cocaine; and

WHEREAS, one of the most trusted, reliable, and focused officers in the Franklin Police Department, Officer Clayton Cates has served with the utmost integrity and professionalism, earning the respect and admiration of his peers, superiors, and the citizens he nobly serves for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cates has contributed greatly to the safety of his fellow citizens, responding to every call with tremendous courage, fortitude, and professionalism, making a significant impact for the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cates epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his professionalism and dedication are evident to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Officer Clayton Cates for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and applaud Officer Clayton Cates of the Franklin Police Department upon his receipt of the United States Attorney's Office's 2010 Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, thank him for his commitment to his community and to this State, and extend our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.